

A woman with short, dark, curly hair is seen from behind, dancing on a stage. She is wearing a black sleeveless top and a red and black patterned skirt. Her hair is blowing in the wind. The stage floor is checkered, and a large spotlight illuminates her from above. In the background, a group of people are watching, and a blue tufted sofa is visible. The overall atmosphere is dramatic and celebratory.

**MOUNTVIEW**

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR  
**DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

It is vital that we invest in the next generation of performers, theatre-makers and production artists. Mountview does just that.

**DAME JUDI DENCH CH DBE**  
*President of Mountview*

## ABOUT MOUNTVIEW

One of the UK's leading drama schools, Mountview develops actors and practitioners who will become the future of the creative industries. Through innovative practice, new approaches to working and close relationships with industry, we cultivate graduates who are independent, generous and actively connected to the issues of the day.

The arts can enrich and change lives. We are passionate about dismantling barriers to the arts and engaging with communities in Peckham and beyond. Every year we share our space, expertise and resources, opening up access to the dramatic arts for all ages and abilities, while simultaneously learning from and collaborating with the vibrant cultural ecology on our doorstep.

Today's students join a constellation of graduates making their mark on the profession. Actors Grace Hodgett Young (*Sunset Boulevard*), Ben Joyce (*Back to the Future*), Louisa Harland (*Derry Girls*), Artistic Director Rachel Bagshaw (*Unicorn Theatre*), Musical Director Sean Green (*Get Up, Stand Up!*), Olivier Award-winning actor Giles Terera (*Hamilton*) and actor Eddie Marsan are just a few of our notable alumni.

Find out more at [mountview.org.uk](https://mountview.org.uk)





## MESSAGE FROM CHAIR OF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Thank you for your interest in joining Mountview's Development Committee.

I first became involved in Mountview, because having worked as a West End theatre producer for 25 years, I wanted to give back to an institution that could make a significant and long term positive impact on future generations, onstage and backstage.

Mountview has both a distinguished legacy and a unique appetite for change-making. With its wonderful new home in Peckham, its reputation has never been higher. Mountview is proud to call Peckham - a vibrant, creative and culturally diverse area - its home. Mountview occupies a unique position amongst the drama school sector, being deeply embedded within the community and offering year-round opportunities for arts education and inspiration without barriers.

As a Trustee, I am delighted to be leading the newly formed Development Committee. The Committee has been established to support fundraising, a new but rapidly growing income stream for the charity. Every year, donations from individuals, trust and companies make a vital contribution to Mountview's long term viability, enabling Mountview to work extensively with the local community, breaking down barriers to drama training through Scholarships and Bursaries, and ensuring the next generation of actors and practitioners are fuelled by curiosity, courage, optimism and purpose.

We're now looking for individuals who share our passion for developing the theatre makers of the future to join the Development Committee as a senior volunteer. The following pack details the role, responsibilities and experience we're looking for. As well as meeting like-minded individuals, you will have the opportunity to make a sizeable impact, helping the team to level up our fundraising and widen our circle of support by introducing more people and companies to this fantastic cause.

This is a pivotal and thrilling time for Mountview. I feel it every time I engage with our students, talk with the faculty or watch a performance. I hope you will consider joining me on this exciting journey, where you too have the opportunity to make a direct and lasting impact.

**TALI PELMAN**

*Trustee and Chair, Development Committee*



Since 1945, Mountview has been one of the most important and beloved of our national drama schools. In recent history, its profound and unique commitment to diversity has made it vital to the future of the British theatre, TV and film industries.

**STEPHEN DALDRY CBE**

## DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We are looking for new members to join our Development Committee, to support and champion fundraising at Mountview through the next period of our development.

We are keen to hear from applicants from any background who meet the Person Specification below, but are particularly interested in hearing from individuals with one or more of the following areas of expertise:

- Banking / Finance
- Law
- Private Equity
- Tech Industry
- Global Family Offices
- Those with strong connections to Trusts & Foundations
- Those with a strong connection to Peckham and its surrounding areas, including East Dulwich, Dulwich Village and Herne Hill

This pack contains more information about the role of the Development Committee at Mountview and how to become a member.



Photo by Steve Gregson

## THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Development Committee is a sub-committee of the Board, and exists to harness the connections, expertise, ideas and dedication of Mountview's network. Together, its members make a vital contribution to the success and long-term sustainability of Mountview by identifying and brokering new funding relationships, acting as advocates for the institution and supporting the Executive and Development Teams to increase philanthropy and sponsorship year on year.

The Committee meets four times a year at a location in central London. Appointments will initially be for a three year term, with the possibility of reappointment for a maximum of two further three year terms by mutual agreement.

Membership of the Development Committee is a senior volunteering position and is therefore not remunerated, however reasonable expenses for travel incurred in carrying out duties may be claimed.

### KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Act as ambassadors and advocates for Mountview
- Attend and contribute to quarterly Committee Meetings
- Make a number of introductions each year to individuals and companies who have the capacity to support Mountview financially
- Attend key fundraising events, receptions and showcases throughout the year
- Keep up to date with Mountview's key policies, practices and strategic plans
- Provide in-kind support in line with any personal interests / strengths
- Personally support, making Mountview a philanthropic priority in line with personal capacity

### PERSON SPECIFICATION

- An enthusiasm for and commitment to Mountview's vision and mission
- A strong personal and professional network
- Demonstrable influence, networking and advocacy skills
- Interest in Higher Education and the Creative Industries, and their role in transforming life chances
- Demonstrable experience of working collaboratively and in partnership
- An understanding, passion or involvement with theatre, television or film
- Provide in-kind support in line with any personal interests / strengths



## RECRUITMENT PROCESS

In the first instance, expressions of interest should be made to **Charlotte Castle, Director of Advancement** at [charlottecastle@mountview.org.uk](mailto:charlottecastle@mountview.org.uk), detailing your suitability and interest in the role. An initial exploratory phonecall will be scheduled to discuss your interest further.

Shortlisted candidates will then be invited to meet with **Tali Pelman, Chair of the Development Committee**, to discuss in more detail.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and it is anticipated that successful candidates will join the Committee from either the June or September 2024 meeting.

We are particularly keen to hear from candidates from all backgrounds currently underrepresented in the creative industries due to barriers linked to ethnicity, class, disability or gender. Please also complete and return our [Equal Opportunities monitoring form](#). The information collected will be treated as confidential, used for statistical purposes only and will not be treated as part of your application.



**THANK YOU**